Lake Texoma, OK and TX Master Plan Revision



U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Tulsa District



Purpose and Intent of a Master Plan

The Corps defines a Master Plan as...

"The strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of all project recreational, natural and cultural resources throughout the life of the water resource development project."



Source: Chapter 3 of EP 1130-2-550 available at www.usace.army.mil/library/publications



Key Points Regarding Master Plans

- Main focus is stewardship of natural and cultural resources and provision of high quality outdoor recreation facilities and opportunities
- Proposed effective life of a Master Plan is 25 years
- Recreational use of the water surface is typically addressed
- Master Plans do not address in detail the technical aspects of lake level and water management for flood risk management, hydropower, or water supply
- Master Plans do not address permits for private boat docks or shoreline vegetation modification. These are addressed in the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP)
- Master Plans do not address very specific proposed future actions (e.g., land conveyances, water storage reallocations). These activities are typically addressed in action-specific documents and assessments which provide a process for specific, focused public input and comment.

Texoma Land Classifications: Current and New

Current Land Classifications	New Land Classifications
Project Operations	Project Operations
Operations: Recreation Intensive Use	High Density Recreation
	Environmentally Sensitive Areas
Operations: Recreation Low Density	Multiple Resource Management
Operations: Wildlife Mgmt	 Low Density Recreation Wildlife Management Vegetation Management Future/ Inactive Recreation Areas
	Water Surface

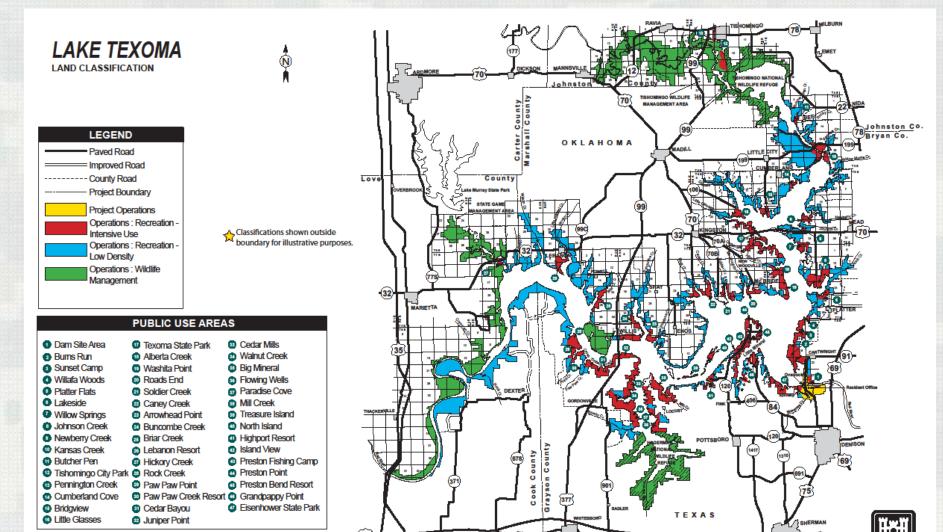


Land Classification	Definition
Project Operations	Those lands required for the dam, operations center, office, maintenance compound and other areas that are used solely for project operations
High Density Recreation	Land developed for intensive recreational activities by the visiting public, including developed recreation areas and areas for marinas and related concessions, and resorts
Multiple Resource Management	Recreation –Low Density: Activities such as hiking, primitive camping, wildlife observation, and hunting
	Wildlife Management General: Fish and wildlife management activities
	Vegetative Management : Management activities for the protection and development of a specific vegetative cover
	Inactive and/or Future Recreation Areas: Recreation areas planned for the future or that have been temporarily closed
Environmentally Sensitive Areas	Areas where scientific, ecological, cultural or aesthetic features have been identified. These areas must be considered by management to ensure they are not adversely impacted
Easement Lands	All land for which USACE holds an easement interest but not fee title. Planned use and management of easement lands will be in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of the easement estate acquired for the project

Water Surface Classification	Definition
Restricted	Water areas restricted for project operations, safety, and security purposes
Designated No-Wake	To protect environmentally sensitive shoreline areas, recreational water access areas from disturbance, and for public safety
Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary	Annual or seasonal restrictions on areas to protect fish and wildlife species during periods of migration, resting, feeding, nesting, and/or spawning
Open Recreation	Those waters available for year round or seasonal water-based recreational use



Current Land Classifications



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RESERVOIR DATA Top of conservation pool El. 617.0 580 shoreline miles at El. 617.0 Total project land & water acreage 193326

Project Operations - This category includes those lands required for the dam, spillway, switchyard, levees, dikes, offices, maintenance facilities, and other areas that are used solely for the operation of the project





High Density Recreation - Lands developed for intensive recreational activities for the visiting public including day use areas and/or campgrounds. These could include areas for concessions (marinas, comprehensive resorts, etc)





Environmentally Sensitive Areas - Areas where scientific, ecological, cultural or aesthetic features have been identified. Designation of these lands is not limited to just lands that are otherwise protected by laws such as the Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act or applicable State statutes. These areas must be considered by management to ensure they are not adversely impacted

Examples may include mature bottomland forests, river and stream corridors, scenic bluffs, and native prairie.





Low Density Recreation - Lands with minimal development or infrastructure that support passive public recreational use (e.g. primitive camping, fishing, hunting, trails, wildlife viewing, etc.)





Wildlife Management - Lands designated for stewardship of fish and wildlife resources





Vegetative Management - Lands designated for stewardship of forest, prairie, and other native vegetative cover





How Can I Participate?

- Provide any initial comments regarding proposed changes to management objectives or land use classifications that can be considered as the revised master plan is being developed.
 Comments can be provided in any format but a comment form is available for use
- Once it becomes available, review and comment on the DRAFT Texoma Master Plan and associated environmental assessment (EA). If you attended master plan public meetings or provided initial comments, you are on our mailing list
- Attend public meetings to be scheduled when draft is released
- Visit our website at <u>www.swt.usace.army.mil</u> for future updates
- Spread the word about the master plan revision
- Contact the Texoma lake office for more information



Master Plan Next Steps

- DRAFT Master Plan revision and associated environmental assessment (EA) scheduled to be completed Spring, 2016
- Public meetings will be held at time of DRAFT release to present/discuss proposed revisions
- Public/agency comment period for DRAFT will run for 30-days
- Final Master Plan and EA scheduled to be completed Fall, 2016



Comments/Questions

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